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SUBJ: KHUKRIT AND CHATCHAI ON THE DRV DELEGATION VISIT TO BANGKOK

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

REF: BANGKOK 9517

1. PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT PRAMOT HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 16.  
FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF HIS REMARKS ON THE  
DRV DELEGATION VISIT TO BANGKOK. BEGIN EXCERPTS:

REPORTER: WILL FURTHER TALKS BE HELD IN HANOI?

KHUKRIT: IT WON'T TAKE MUCH LONGER FOR TALKS TO BE FINISHED HERE.  
I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT RELATIONS WILL BE NORMALIZED SOON.

REPORTER: WAS THE SUBJECT OF AIRCRAFT BROUGHT UP DURING THE  
NEGOTIATIONS?

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KHUKRIT: IT DOES NOT CONCERN IT AT ALL, SO NO MENTION AT ALL WAS MADE OF THAT SUBJECT.

REPORTER: WHAT IS YOUR FEELING OVER SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT BEING REACHED BETWEEN THAILAND AND NORTH VIETNAM?

KHUKRIT: I AM MOST HAPPY. I WISH THAILAND TO HAVE FRIENDSHIP WITH EVERY AND ALL NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, SINCERE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP. I WAS REALLY HAPPY WHEN I MET THEM. IT WAS NO PRETENCE ON MY PART, BECAUSE IT IS NATURAL TO BE HAPPY WHEN MEETING PERSONS AGAIN AFTER RELATIONS HAVE BEEN SEVERED FOR DECADES. FURTHERMORE, SINCE THEY ARE FELLOW SOUTHEAST ASIANS, IT IS EASY TO HOLD TALKS AND REACH UNDERSTANDING.

REPORTER: DID THEY DEMAND ANY CONDITIONS?

KHUKRIT: NONE AT ALL.

REPORTER: DID WE HOLD ANY TALKS ON THE SUBJECT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES?

KHUKRIT: I DON'T KNOW DETAILS. ASK THE FOREIGN MINISTER. TALKS WERE ON MAJOR PRINCIPLES ONLY.

REPORTER: DO YOU THINK THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT COULD BE ISSUED ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS DURING THIS PRESENT VISIT?

KHUKRIT: I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT IT COULD BE ISSUED.

REPORTER: THERE IS A REPORT THAT A REQUEST WILL BE MADE FOR AN AUDIENCE WITH HIS MAJESTY.

KHUKRIT: I HAVEN'T HEARD OF THAT AT ALL.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN ALSO HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 26. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF CHATCHAI'S REMARKS ON TALKS WITH THE DRV DELEGATION. BEGIN EXCERPTS:

REPORTER: WERE THERE OTHER SUBJECTS WHICH WERE NOT OF IMPORTANCE?

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CHATCHAI: THERE MIGHT BE. THEY MET THE PRIME MINISTER JUST NOW. THEY SPOKE IN A FRIENDLY MANNER.

REPORTER: WHEN DO YOU PLAN TO GO TO HANOI?

CHATCHAI: I DON'T KNOW YET.

REPORTER: DO YOU THINK THAT A STATEMENT COULD BE ISSUED TODAY,

OR TOMORROW, OR THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW?

CHATCHAI: I THINK THAT WE WILL ISSUE A JOINT COMMUNIQUE TOMORROW  
OR THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW.

REPORTER: WILL IT BE A PERMANENT OR A PROVISIONAL JOINT COMMUNIQUE,  
BECAUSE A FURTHER MEETING WILL HAVE TO BE HELD IN HANOI?

CHATCHAI: I DON'T KNOW YET, BECAUSE A MEETING IS STILL CONTINUING  
ON SOME MATTERS.

REPORTER: IF RESULTS ARE OBTAINED IN FULL, THERE WILL BE NO  
NECESSITY TO HAVE TO GO TO HANOI, WILL THERE?

CHATCHAI: IT IS NECESSARY TO GO, TO MAKE A VISIT IN RETURN. I  
THINK IT WILL BE SOME TIME NEXT MONTH. END EXCERPTS.

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